

**Agenda for  
City Council Members' "NOON" Meeting  
Monday, December 18, 2000  
Immediately Following Director's Meeting  
Conference Room 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for December 11, 2000.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Infrastructure Financing Study - December 4, 2000.

**II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES**

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
3. ISPC Meeting (Fortenberry)
4. Duplex Licensing Task Force Meeting (Johnson/McRoy)
5. Board Of Health (Johnson)
6. Board Of Health - Health Planning Workshop (Johnson)
7. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)
8. Community Health Partners Meeting (Seng)

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments (See Material).

**IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

1. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development will co-host their 2001 Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2001 at The Cornhusker Hotel, Burnham Yates Conference Center, Grand Ballroom - This year's event will feature keynote speaker former UPI White House

Correspondent, Helen Thomas - The event will start with an 11:00 a.m. reception followed by lunch and the program at Noon. RSVP to Tera Pugh at 436-2355 before Friday, January 12, 2001. \$25.00/Individual. (See Letter & Brochure of Invitation).

2. The Lincoln Children's Museum requests the pleasure of your company - 2001: A 'Space' Odyssey - on Saturday, January 20, 2001 at The Embassy Suites Ballroom, 11<sup>th</sup> & "P" Streets - 6:00 p.m., Cash Bar – 7:00 p.m., Dinner – Comedian Pat Hazell presents "The Wonder Bread Years" - Raffle drawings throughout the evening - \$75.00 per person – \$150.00 per couple – \$89.00 special Embassy Suites room rate for Saturday evening stay Black Tie Optional - RSVP by January 5, 2001 (PLEASE FILL OUT ENCLOSED RSVP CARD)(See Invitation).
3. Leadership Link invites you to A Presentation by Juli Burney - You Want Me To Do What???? IMPROMPTU PUBLIC SPEAKING – On Wednesday, January 24, 2001 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Registration at 12:30 p.m. – At the Lancaster County Extension Office, 444 Cherry Creek Rd. – \$20.00 per person - Reservations Limited – To Register call Bill Kostner at 441-6009 - Registration deadline of January 22, 2001 (See Invitation).

**V. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE**

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2000**  
*CONFERENCE ROOM 113*

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Shoecraft, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry, Vice-Chair - Arrived late; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Cindy Johnson, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng.

**Others Present:** Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Allan Abbott, Public Works Director; Scott Opfer, Harry Kroos, Roger Figard, Public Works Department; Karen Shinn, Aide to Council Member Fortenberry; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp and Johnson; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Chris Hain, *Journal Star* representative (attended a portion of the meeting).

Prior to the scheduled "Noon" Agenda Items being discussed, Council called upon Mr. Allan Abbott, Mr. Scott Opfer and Mr. Harry Kroos of the Public Works Department to review the sidewalk location options available to the Council on the proposed legislation slated for action on today's formal Council Agenda. The Public Works Department made a presentation based on the attached information. After discussion and review, the Council determined that areas OO, PP and HHH would be removed from the legislation for further study. The remaining locations will be presented for Council action in an amended ordinance at today's meeting.

For the draft sidewalk policy Mr. Abbott proposed a policy review, setting it out in three parts: 1) Funding, 2) Criteria and 3) *if Council approves this policy* the proposed assumption of responsibility by the Public Works Department for determining construction sites - with Council oversight under assessment districts.

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2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Infrastructure Financing Study - December 4, 2000.

Mr. Shoecraft, Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Cindy Johnson moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng and the minutes were approved, as presented, by the following vote: AYES: Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Cindy Johnson, Jerry Shoecraft, Coleen Seng, Jon Camp; NAYS: None; ABSENT FOR VOTE: Jeff Fortenberry.

## II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) - Ms. Seng reported that Dallas McGee explained to the Public Building Commission members that they had received four responses on the RFQ which had been sent out on the Old Federal Building. Two responses were from Omaha firms, one response came from a firm out of Wichita, and one was from a California agency. The proposals will be reviewed to determine if a qualified response was received.

Ms. Seng reported that the sound equipment for Conference Room 113 has been ordered. Upon installation the new equipment should insure quality sound reproduction so meeting attendees and minutes takers will be able to hear and better record the meetings.

Ms. Seng reported that she had relayed to Mr. Killeen the recent incident of offensive language being carved into one of the County-City Building's elevator doors.

She reported that they had approved a multicultural display to be set up in the County City Building - probably on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the foyer by the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Bob Workman asked for blinds for his office, which will probably be granted to afford Mr. Workman some privacy.

The County reported that they are desperately in need of space as they are hiring a deputy to Kerrey Eagan and another receptionist. They also have hired a new grant writer, so they're really hunting for additional space for this additional staff.

Ms. Seng reported that Parking was also discussed. There will be a couple of retreats coming up; one in January: one in February. One will be on parking and one will be on space needs. Ms. Seng noted that they were "in deep doo-doo" on the parking issue. There is going to be a new building right across the street from the County-City Building, probably. Ms. Johnson asked if it would be an Abel development. Ms. Seng commented that that is what they'd been told, noting that they'd had Mr. Abel in to talk to him about it. Mr. Cook asked if the location being discussed was the existing parking lot to the east, asking what kind of building is needed there? Ms. Seng stated that Mr. Killeen and talked to Mr. Abel about this, and she believed the Mayor had also discussed this with Mr. Abel. Council hoped that something could be worked out.

Ms. Seng reported on the Public Building and Maintenance Employees luncheon that she had attended.

Mr. Shoecraft asked for a copy of the minutes of the last Public Building Commission meeting on the County's additional positions and space requirements.

2.     **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook)** Mr. Cook noted it was a short meeting, with just two items being voted upon. There was discussion of the request for installation of another cellular antenna in the Antelope Park area. Of course, it is already crowded with them, though many of them are hidden on buildings. Alltel has a tower, but Quest isn't having good results negotiating with Alltel; what we don't want is another tower or something else that doesn't look good. He noted that the City tries to get people to share these towers, but sometimes they just don't cooperate as well as they need to.

The other issue was the golf alcohol issue, which was voted upon. Most of the members were supportive, except Bob Workman, who voted "no". Mr. Fortenberry asked what that policy would do? Mr. Cook explained that it would allow a limited number of SDLs each year for special events at the golf courses. Mr. Cook closed his comments, noting that those were the issues discussed.

Ms. Seng asked if the golf alcohol issue would be coming before Council? Mr. Cook believed it would require an ordinance change and would therefore have to come before the Council. Mr. Shoecraft further explained that Charter or Ordinance changes would have to have public hearing before the Council.

Ms. Seng asked about the Advisory Board's agenda item on the ice rink, wondering what the status of that project was at this time. Mr. Cook noted that it was a good question. Mr. Shoecraft stated that the "status" is funding. That is where the project is now...looking for future funding sources. Public/Private partnership and other funding issues are being discussed; so there is a possibility that we can come up with the funding. He added that if the new Keno projections come in and a portion goes to the Parks Department, and they chose to fund that project, that would be at their discretion. Mr. Cook added that the location being considered is at 70<sup>th</sup> & A Streets at the Seacrest Field.

3.     **ISPC (Fortenberry)** - Mr. Fortenberry did not attend.

4.     **DUPLEX LICENSING TASK FORCE (Johnson/McRoy)** - The Task Force is no longer meeting. Their recommendations and report have been submitted to the Mayor for consideration and will be reviewed in early January, 2001.

5.     **BOARD OF HEALTH (Johnson)** Ms. Johnson stated that they met, they conquered and went home. She did report that they discussed the tobacco issue that was outlined in a recent newspaper article. She noted that this concern was coming from the Health Department which had done some basic studies as part of the 2010

Report. They're objective is to create a "Smoke Free" Lincoln....at least in the common social areas. But, she added, this is not going to be coming forward for some time. It has to go through the Law Department and they will be meeting with all the elements in the community prior to ever bringing it before the Council.

Mr. Shoecraft stated that during visits to local eating and drinking establishments, he has talked with owners and patrons who both agree that a smoking ban would be good for them. The patrons because they say they smoke more when they go to a bar and socialize with friends than they do at home, where they go outside. A ban would help them cut down or even quit the habit. The owners indicated that it would be good for business because of the cleaner air and atmosphere.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he would be glad to see the private market take care of this in someways. If places start advertising "smoke free"... Ms. Johnson agreed noting that she would rather see people do it on a voluntary basis first, before it would ever be legislated. But, she added, we don't know what will happen in the next six months.

Ms. Johnson also reported on the breast feeding policy that was also discussed at the meeting. She noted that there have been some real issues within the Health Department regarding breast feeding facilities in public places. Before they can start promoting some of the benefits and issues that are surrounding breast feeding in the community (also a part of the 2010 Report), they must 'walk the talk' themselves. So, the Department is trying to work out some arrangements to where their own employees can work out a policy so they, in turn, can help other businesses and agencies deal with *their* employees.

Mr. Shoecraft asked if [breast feeding] was still as prevalent a practice as it has been in the past. Ms. Johnson answered that Ms. Ann Seacrest had put an informational packet together, which shows that in the '70s, breast feeding was very popular and natural childbirth was being promoted. But, since the epidurals are being administered more commonly now with women not choosing the natural child birth method, they've discovered that babies are not sucking as well as they did under the natural birthing techniques. Since they're not nursing well, it's been discovered that bottle feeding has increased significantly.

Ms. Johnson explained that information would be shared with Council on this public health issue in January or February in terms of what Lincoln does with this as a public health issue; and also what departments can do that can be implemented into good policy for the private sector.

Mr. Fortenberry noted that breast cancer awareness has taken root in the community at large, and he noted that it has been reported that the statistical incident of breast cancer is 0% if a woman breast feeds for a cumulative total of seven years;

it's raises to 40% at two years cumulative. Ms. Johnson noted that it's interesting and she'll have a copy of the information made up for each Council Member before the issue comes before the Council again.

Mr. Fortenberry noted that it is an interesting issue in terms of elevating the understanding of this to a public forum so when mothers do this naturally and yet are not accommodated because, it seems on this issue only, our society's norms have fallen on the side of modesty. But, Mr. Fortenberry thought, having spent some time in the Middle-East where modesty is an absolute, it seemed ironic that breast feeding is not a violation of that.

Ms. Johnson noted that in the last 25 years, there have been a lot of neat things that have gone on to help women who want to nurse and still work. The Health Department is very concerned that all the materials they send out representing early childhood development show only bottles as the method of feeding....not showing nursing at all as an option; ignoring the health factors of the benefits mothers milk has over formula.

6. BOARD OF HEALTH - HEALTH PLANNING WORKSHOP (Johnson)  
- Cancelled.

7. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) - Ms. McRoy did not attend. She did report that they re-opened the search process for a an Officer since no suitable candidate came forward. Mr. Shoecraft reiterated his belief that the position should be taken over by Mr. Williams; he did express surprise that no suitable candidate was found.

8. COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS (Seng) - Ms. Seng did not attend due to a conflict in scheduling.

#### OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

Ms. Seng reported on the Leadership Lincoln meeting where they held a mock City Council meeting. She and Mr. Camp both attended and both enjoyed the experience.

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS** - Memo from Jennifer Brinkman on three Mayoral appointments to the Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board - Noted Without Comment.

#### **IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment**

#### **ADDENDUM - TO DECEMBER 18, 2000 "NOON" AGENDA**

#### **MEETINGS/INVITATIONS: Noted Without Comment**

#### **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS -**

1.. Memo from Diane Gonzolas regarding the Entertainment Market Study Committee - They would like a representative from the City Council to serve on this committee - Council determined that Council Member Annette McRoy would serve on this committee in light of her previous experience with the Mayor's earlier Entertainment Committee.

#### **V. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JONATHAN COOK** - Mr. Cook briefly discussed the Tabitha Amendment. He noted there is no problem with this particular location. The concern expressed at the Roundtable with the neighbors who had talked to him was that this was essentially changing the Zoning Code to allow a new use in Residential Districts all across town. And they felt not really much thought had been given to what those impacts might be. People really wanted it to be worded in a much more restrictive way.

Mr. Cook offered Council an amendment for consideration which he had reviewed with the neighborhood people and with the Planning Department. He felt it offered a good compromise which made everyone pretty happy. The basic premise here that what was originally set forth was a "cut and paste" job put together only to allow Tabitha to do what they needed at this particular location. Mr. Cook outlined the premise of the amendment language, finally noting that if Council were to open it up, more discussion on exactly where it is would be appropriate.

Mr. Cook continued, stating that what this amendment does is allow what Tabitha needs, basically allowing adult care centers to be an accompaniment to an existing health care facility, so it's across the street from this, but it could be near a hospital. If we want a broader meaning, we just need have a broader discussion on what those impacts should be and in which zoning districts it's appropriate. He noted, in response to a concern of Ms. Johnson's, that Tabitha was pleased with it as long as they were able to implement their plan.



**ANNETTE McROY** - No Further Comments

**CINDY JOHNSON** - No Further Comments

**JERRY SHOECRAFT** - No Further Comments

**JEFF FORTENBERRY** -.Mr. Fortenberry reported to Council on a personal issue noting that his daughter was out of intensive care and seemed to be doing very well. He thanked everyone for their expressions of kindness.

**COLEEN SENG** - Ms. Seng reported that Mr. Leon Vinci announced at the Directors' Meeting about the invitation to the Health Department's January 10<sup>th</sup> Banquet. She noted that the invitations had been received by Council Members at their homes and had not gone through the office for inclusion on the Attend listing. She urged Council Members to pay the \$25.00 registration fee and send in the RSVP.

**JON CAMP** - Mr. Camp wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**ANN HARRELL** - No Further Comments

**DANA ROPER** - No Further Comments

**VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR** - None

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS** - None

**VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED** - Approximately 1:00 p.m.